

2017 SAR CONGRESS HOTEL, LODGING and TRAVEL INFORMATION
“The Congress You’ll Not Want to Miss!”
July 6 – 13, 2017 – Knoxville, Tennessee

HOST HOTEL – HOLIDAY INN WORLD’S FAIR (Knoxville Downtown)

In 1982, HOLIDAY INN WORLD’S FAIR welcomed the world and in 2017, it will host the Sons of the American Revolution, SAR. In the center of World’s Fair Park, the newly renovated HOLIDAY INN WORLD’S FAIR is not your father’s Holiday Inn. Nearly all meetings will be held on the ground level which was designed as Knoxville’s first convention and exhibition hall. Hotel Registration, the Grand Lobby, Restaurant and Bar, and access for boarding buses are located on the first floor/street level. Additionally, a covered walkway connects the Knoxville Convention Center where the Youth Luncheon (Monday), President General’s Banquet (Tuesday), and Installation Banquet (Wednesday) will be held.

Rooms sold out quickly, but cancellations are always possible. **You may contact the HOLIDAY INN WORLD’S FAIR (Knoxville Downtown), for a reservation by calling 865.522.2800; ask for Reservations; and mention our group, “NSSAR” to receive the special discounted rate of \$129.00 + tax per night.** The street address is 525 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

If you have special needs, please contact Congress Planning Chair Paul Callanan by email at LTCMRS@aol.com to place your name on a room waiting list. At the same time, please make a reservation at the second hotel just in case your request for lodging in the Host Hotel cannot be filled.

VAN SERVICE is available between the hotels, so you will not be forced to walk from the second hotel – we will accommodate your special needs.

SECOND HOTEL – HILTON KNOXVILLE

HILTON KNOXVILLE is only about 1,000 feet from the Host Hotel and there is even a Star Bucks onsite. A covered walkway connects HILTON KNOXVILLE with both the Host Hotel and the Knoxville Convention Center. And remember, **VAN SERVICE is available between the hotels, so you will not be forced to walk from the second hotel – we will accommodate your special needs.**

You may contact HILTON KNOXVILLE, for a reservation by calling 865.523.2300 x 323; ask for Reservations; and mention our group, “NSSAR” to receive the special discounted rate of \$129.00 + tax per night. The street address is 501 W Church Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

If by chance, they insist that there are no rooms available in our block, go ahead and book the room at the higher rate, then, please contact Congress Planning Chair Paul Callanan by email at LTCMRS@aol.com to let him know so he can get you added to the block and the rate adjusted.

AIRPORT

McGHEE-TYSON AIRPORT is a public airport located 13.7 miles south of SAR's hotels. The airport's street address is 2055 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701.

The airport is served by the following carriers from these destinations:

- ALLEGEANT AIR Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, Newark, Orlando/Sanford, Punta Gorda (FL), St. Petersburg/Clearwater
- AMERICAN EAGLE Charlotte, Chicago–O'Hare, Dallas/Fort Worth, Philadelphia, Washington–National
- DELTA AIRLINES Atlanta
- UNITED AIRLINES Newark
- UNITED EXPRESS Chicago–O'Hare, Denver, Houston–Intercontinental, Newark, Washington–Dulles

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

Knoxville is located at the intersection of I-75 and I-40, with I-81 connecting I-40 30 miles away and is situated within 600 miles of two-thirds (2/3) of the US population and about eighty (80%) percent of the SAR membership. It is the most centrally located of the upcoming Congresses – it's one you do not want to miss.

SAR REGISTRATION

We are told that registration will be available on the SAR website within another week. So, make plans to attend, today.

Email 2 will include hotel/lodging and travel information.

Email 3 will describe special events, including golf, tours, luncheons, and banquets.

Email 4 will introduce the special guest speaker and book signing opportunity.

Email 5 will describe dining options for state delegations.

Email 6 will describe genealogical research opportunities.

Email 7 will describe a few side trip tips suggestions.

Email 8 will describe how to purchase Congress Medals, Coin, Pins, and Rifle Raffle Tickets.

For more information, please contact Host Society 2017 SAR Congress Chair Rick Hollis
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2017 CONGRESS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, July 6

ExCom/Foundation Meeting - Host Hotel

FRIDAY, July 7

Golf Scramble – Three Ridges Golf Course - Knoxville

GUIDED TOUR 1: Overmountain Men

[Sycamore Shoals at Fort Watauga, Amis Mill and Home, Crockett Tavern]

Cocktail Reception with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Tour - East Tennessee History Center

SATURDAY, July 8

GUIDED TOUR 2: Born in the Backwoods

[Cumberland Gap and the Museum of Appalachia]

Host Society Reception and BBQ – Historic James White Fort

SUNDAY, July 9

SELF GUIDED TOUR: Frontier History and Natural Beauty in Cades Cove

Final Trustees Meeting - Host Hotel

Color Guard Parade from Hotel to Church

Memorial Service – First Baptist Knoxville

Ladies Tea – First Baptist Knoxville

General Society War of 1812 Reception and Tour – Blount Mansion

Genealogy Seminar – Host Hotel

Orations Contest Finals – Host Hotel

MONDAY, July 10

Color Guard Breakfast

Color Guard Presentation of Colors to Open Congress – Host Hotel

Opening and Second Sessions of Congress - Host Hotel

Youth Luncheon - Convention Center

Minute Man Awards Presentation / Awards Ceremony - Host Hotel

TUESDAY, July 11

SAR District Breakfast Meetings – Host Hotel

Third Session of Congress - Host Hotel

VPG/GWEF, PG Luncheon – Host Hotel

First Lady's Luncheon – Cherokee Country Club

Voting for SAR Officers – Host Hotel

President General Banquet - Convention Center

Special Guest Speaker – Historian and Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Jon Meacham

Color Guard Command Change Ceremony – Convention Center

WEDNESDAY, July 12

Closing Session of Congress – Host Hotel

New Trustees Meeting - Host Hotel

GUIDED TOUR 3: *Sssshhh!!!* America's Secret City *[Oak Ridge]*

Installation Banquet - Convention Center

THURSDAY, July 13

ExCom/Foundation Meeting - Host Hotel